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TAGS: CDES GR (BABBITT, EARL J.)

SUBJECT: DEATHS: EARL J. BABBITT

TO: HELEN Z. BABBITT

22910A NADINE CIRCLE

TORRENCE, CALIFORNIA

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF EARL J. BABBITT. THE AIR FORCE HOSPITAL AT ATHENS, GREECE, INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT ATHENS OF HIS DEATH CAUSED BY CARDIAC ARREST, AT APPROXIMATELY 1520 HOURS ON DEC 5, 1976.

2. MR. BABBITT WAS IDENTIFIED BY DOCUMENTS FOUND ON HIS BODY.

3. SINCE DEATH WAS SUDDEN AN AUTOPSY IS MANDATORY UNDER GREEK LAW AND HIS BODY WILL BE RELEASED TO THE GREEK AUTHORITIES ON DECEMBER 6.

4. THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

5. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. REMAINS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE POLICE MORGUE. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE THE REMAINS RETURNED TO THE U.S. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO LOS ANGELES WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$2,400. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE APPROXIMATE COST WILL BE \$500.00. CREMATION

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IS NOT AVAILABLE.

6. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, ATHENS, GREECE, AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

B. TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS, CONSTITUTION SQUARE, ATHENS, GREECE, PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, ATHENS, GREECE.

C. IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S. YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

7. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

8. IF NECESSARY YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS EMBASSY BY TELEPHONING 712-951 IN ATHENS, GREECE.

9. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
AMERICAN EMBASSY
ATHENS, GREECE
KUBISCH

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